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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - ART UNIT 1621
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:
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For: PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF 5-
HYDROXY-3-OXOPENTANOIC ACID
DERIVATIVES

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2004.

No Amendments have been made to the Claims in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Paul A. Zucker